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REMARKS

With this response, Claims 1-10, 13-16, 18-25, 27-31, 34-42, 44-46, 48-51, 53-58, and 60-65 remain pending. Claims 11, 12, 17, 26, 32, 33, 43, 47, 52, and 59 are cancelled.

In the October 4, 2005 Office Action, the Examiner allowed Claims 1-10. In addition, Claims 13-15, 17, 25, 27-31, 34-36, 39, 40, 43-45, 48-51, 53, 55-57, and 61-64 were objected to, and the Examiner stated that the objected to claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitation of the base independent claim and any intervening claims. Claims 11, 12, 16, 18-24, 26, 32, 33, 37, 38, 41, 42, 46, 47, 52, 54, and 58-60 were rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,425,487 to Emmott et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,530,518 to Krichilsky et al. In addition, Claim 38 was objected to for informalities. The specification was also objected to for informalities.

Discussion of the Objection to the Specification

In the Office Action, the Examiner object to the specification, stating that, with respect to page 1 of the specification, the blanks should be updated with the corresponding application numbers. Applicants respectfully note that in the November 11, 2004 Preliminary Amendment, Applicants amended the Related Applications paragraph to include the corresponding application numbers. Therefore, the Examiner's objection is moot, and Applicants respectfully request that the objection to the specification be withdrawn.

Discussion of the Objection to Claim 38 for informalities

Claim 38 was objected to for reciting a "seventh instruction", when the base claim did not recite a "sixth instruction." Claim 38 has been amended to remove the recitation of "seventh". Applications therefore respectfully request that the objection to Claim 38 be withdrawn.

Discussion of Claim Objections and Rejections

Objected to Claim 13, which previously depended directly from independent Claim 11, has been rewritten as an independent claim, including the elements of base Claim 11. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claim 13 is now in condition for allowance.

In response to the objection to Claim 17, which depended directly from rejected independent Claim 16, Claim 16 has been rewritten to include all the elements of objected to Claim 17, and Claim 17 has been cancelled. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claim 16 is now in condition for allowance.

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Objected to Claim 25, which previously depended directly from independent Claim 16, has been rewritten as an independent claim, including the elements of previously presented base Claim 16. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claim 25 is now in condition for allowance.

Objected to Claims 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, which previously depended directly from independent Claim 26, have been rewritten as independent claims, including the elements of base Claim 26. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claims 27, 28, 29, 30, 31 are now in condition for allowance.

Objected to Claim 34, which previously depended directly from independent Claim 32, has been rewritten as an independent claim, including the elements of base Claim 32. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claim 34 is now in condition for allowance.

In response to the objection to Claim 43, which depended directly from rejected independent Claim 37, Claim 37 has been rewritten to include all the elements of objected to Claim 43, and Claim 43 has been cancelled. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claim 37 is now in condition for allowance.

Objected to Claim 39, 40, 44 and 45, which previously depended directly from independent Claim 37, have been rewritten as independent claims, including the elements of base Claim 37. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claims 39, 40, 44 and 45 are now in condition for allowance.

Objected to Claim 48, 49, and 50, which previously depended directly from independent Claim 47, have been rewritten as independent claims, including the elements of base Claim 47. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claims 48, 49, and 50 are now in condition for allowance.

Objected to Claims 53, 55, 56, and 57, which previously depended directly from independent Claim 52, have been rewritten as independent claims, including the elements of base Claim 47. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claims 53, 55, 56, and 57 are now in condition for allowance.

Objected to Claims 61 and 65, which previously depended directly from independent Claim 59, have been rewritten as independent claims, including the elements of base Claim 59.

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Applicants therefore respectfully submit that Claims 51 and 65 are now in condition for allowance.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims amended herein in their unamended form in a continuation application.

Conclusion

Claims 1-10 are allowed. In view of the foregoing remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claims 13, 16, 25-31, 34, 37, 39, 40, 45, 48-50, 53, 55-57, 61 and 65 are also in condition for allowance. Claims 14-15, Claims 18-24, Claims 35-36, Claims 38, 41, 42 and 46, Claim 51, Claims 54 and 58, Claims 62-64, and Claim 60, which respectively depend from, and further define Claims 13, 16, 34, 37, 50, 53, 61 and 65 are likewise in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore respectfully request that Claims 13-16, 18-25, 27-31, 34-42, 44-46, 48-51, 53-58, and 60-65 be allowed.

Request for Telephone Interview

If there are any issues that can be resolved by telephone, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney of record at (310) 407-3461 or at the number set forth below.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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